

ST MARTIN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

LEADERSHIP NEWS

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Celebrating 60 years of education at St Martin's is definitely a milestone worth celebrating in style, and last Friday evening saw the Parent Network host a 60th Birthday Party. Approximately 2000 people attended the event indulging themselves with food, face painting, nail painting, coloured hair and various games on the oval. Mikayla from 'Bop til you drop' provided great music and students enjoyed dancing the night away. The highlight of the evening was singing 'Happy Birthday' and providing 500 cupcakes to students.

Many thanks is extended to all parents who assisted in:

- cooking the BBQ, samosas and spring rolls
- assisting with token and raffle ticket sales
- serving food
- making fairy floss
- 'manning' various stalls
- helping with the clean up at the end of the night.

In particular, many thanks to the Parent Network members - Michelle Khuu, Lisa Whiffen and Jenny Kastanos who spent many hours over the past month planning and ensuring everything went off without a hitch.

2024 School Fee accounts were sent out to families on Wednesday, February 14th. Please note that a discount of 2.5% is granted if fees are paid in full on or before **1 March 2024**.

Last week, a special handout about the Annual General Meeting for the School Board and Parent Network Committee to be held on Tuesday, March 12th was sent home.

We are looking for three new committee members for a two-year tenure. If you would like to be part of our School Board for a tenure of two years, please take some time to read through the handout, complete the nomination form and return it by Tuesday, March 5th.



In previous years, the school has had a Pupil Free Day on the Friday before the March long weekend. However, this year all staff will be attending a Professional Learning Day on Tuesday, March 12th, hence this day will be a Pupil Free Day. OSHC will be operating for families who need care for their children, however it is already fully booked with a waiting list.

Next week, information will be sent home regarding Learning Conversations scheduled for Week 10 on **Tuesday, April 2nd, Wednesday, April 3rd, Thursday, April 4th and Friday, April 5th**. Both parents and students attend these meetings as they are an opportunity to hear from your child regarding their learning, including the highlights to date and their goals for the following terms. Every parent is asked to book a 15-minute timeslot with your child's class teacher/s.

Over the coming weeks, we have an array of activities scheduled for students including Andrew Chinn Concert on Wednesday, March 20th, Years 2 and 3 classes undertaking Swimming lessons at Norwood Swimming centre, the Police Band visiting on April 9th and Be Active sessions which commenced this week for :

- **Reception- Year 1 (TRISKILLS)**
- **Years 2-3 (AFL)**
- **Years 4-6 (CRICKET)** to commence next week.

Our school is very fortunate to have the opportunity to provide value-added activities for students to participate in during the term. Many thanks to the staff who organise them.

This year, we have introduced School Captains as a leadership position in Year 6. Seven students gave a speech at the end of last year as to why they would like to be a School Captain. They all did an amazing job and should be very proud of their efforts. Congratulations to Jackson Karamanov and Claire Brazzatti who are our inaugural School Captains this year.

Our Sports Captains have also been recently selected for 2024. Thirty Year 6 students prepared and presented a speech and PowerPoint to our Year 5 and 6 students and at the conclusion of their presentations, students voted on two students to represent each Sports team.

I am very happy to announce our Sports Captains for the following teams:

- **MacKillop – Dhiya Mather and Charlie Brooks**
- **Chevallier – Ashlyn Gitonga and Ayan Vyas**
- **Hartzer – Jack Erikson and Noah Sutherland**
- **Sweeney – Aiyana Milans and Francesco Perre**

Please note that our Sports Day will be held on **Friday, April 12th** on the school site this year – more details will be provided closer to the day from Mr Woods (PE teacher).

We are almost halfway through Term 1 and the upcoming long weekend will be an opportunity for families to take time out to relax and recharge before the final 5 weeks of the term are upon us. Wishing you a wonderful fortnight ahead and an enjoyable long weekend.

Christine Comas
Principal

APRIM NEWS



**PROJECT
COMPASSION**
FOR ALL FUTURE
GENERATIONS 

Project Compassion 2024

This year, Project Compassion brings you the stories of three resilient women from three different corners of the world. They are facing vastly different challenges but are all united by one dream: to create a better tomorrow for *all future generations*.

Meet **Ronita** from the Philippines. Ronita is a mother of two young boys living in a slum in Quezon City. She went back to school to finish her education so that she could earn income to support her children.

Meet **Leaia** from Samoa. Not having access to a reliable source of clean water was very difficult for Leaia and her family. But, with the support of Caritas Australia, a water tank was installed at their home, improving their health and living conditions.

Meet **Memory** from Malawi. Memory, the eldest daughter from a rural Malawian family, trained to become a carpenter and is now a trailblazer for future generations of women in her village.

Please support Caritas Australia through Project Compassion by purchasing a purple Lent wristband or entering the Colouring in Competition each for a gold coin donation. The Year 4 unit will be selling these at recess and lunch this week.

Ecological Sustainability

Lunchbox Tips

No packages – Nude Food every day at St Martin's! Do not forget to pack your child's snack, recess and lunch without any wrappers. Use reusable plastic containers or sandwich cloths to package food. Students will be asked to take any packaging home.

- Do not over pack your child's lunchbox with food.
- Write a list of your child's favourite school lunch foods.
- Involve the children.
- Pack the night before .
- Keep costs down – do not buy snack sized packages.
- Vary fillings of sandwiches.
- Remind children to put any uneaten food back into lunch boxes.
- Finger Food – cut into bite sized pieces.
- Pre-cut fruit and vegetables and pop them in airtight containers in the fridge the night before.
- Bake in bulk (when you have some spare time) and freeze savoury and sweet muffins, scrolls, pikelets and scones for quick lunchbox snacks.
- Limit junk food or treats – these processed foods are not good for growing children.
- Types of lunch boxes: Bento with compartments, cooler bags, lunch boxes with separate containers.

Ideas for what to pack: sandwiches, chopped fruit and vegetables, small whole orange/banana/apple, berries/mandarin/grapes, cheese cubes, dip, yoghurt in small tubs, crackers/cruskits/saladas, home-made muffins, cakes and muesli bar slices, pizza, salad - carrot/cucumber /capsicum sticks/snow peas/small tomatoes, popcorn – air popped, dried fruit, sultanas, sushi, hardboiled egg, water – not juice or cordial.



DIARY DATES

Week	Date	Time, Celebration & Hosting Year Level
5	Friday 1 March	Wellbeing Class Session
6	Friday 8 March	Fallow Week – no Mass, Liturgy or Assembly
7	Friday 15 March	2:20pm Assembly
8	Friday 22 March	9am Assembly Year 1's
9	Thursday 28 March	9am Liturgy of Eucharist Year 2M & 2P
10	Tuesday 2 April	9am Liturgy of Eucharist Justice Group
11	Friday 12 April	Sports Day - no Mass, Liturgy or Assembly

Greenacres Walkerville Parish News

Stations of the Cross

Friday evenings during Lent at 6:30pm at St Martin's Church (commenced on 16 February). Everyone is welcome!

Children's Liturgy at St Monica's and St Martin's Church

Children's Liturgy is a wonderful way for the children to have a better understanding of the Gospel of the day's Liturgy and grow in appreciating the structure and the richness of the first part of the Mass. Children's Liturgy is held on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month at both Masses.

With God's Blessings - Rose Valenti





CRICKET (Years 4-6)

This term, St Martin's has one B Grade (Year 4-6) cricket team competing on Saturday mornings.

The draw has been finalised by SACA and is available to view at:

<https://www.adelaidestrikersprimaryschoolcricket.com>

All games commence at 8:30am. Please arrive at the venue at 8:00am so that games can start on time. If you are unable to make a fixture, please contact the team manager.

SWIMMING CARNIVALS (Years 3-6)

St Martin's enters two Swimming Carnivals annually. Interested students have recently competed in trial events to qualify for the carnivals listed below. Please register via the QKR App if you have been selected as part of the Swimming Team.

- SAPSASA District Carnival – **March 6**
- SACPSSA (Catholic Schools) Carnival – **April 2**
- SAPSASA State Day Carnival – **April 9**

SENIOR NETBALL (All students Years 3-6)

All Year 3-6 students interested in participating in St Martin's Netball teams this year are invited to register through the QKR App.

Senior Netball training will be held after school from 3:15pm -4:00pm and will commence at the end of this term. These sessions will be for senior netballers only. Players who intend to play on Saturday mornings must attend weekly training.

Year 3-6 St Martin's Netball teams play on Saturdays at venues in surrounding suburbs.

Information concerning senior netball teams and registrations are open now on the QKR App.

All Year 3-6 Netball registrations are due by Friday, March 29. Without sufficient registered player interest, teams cannot be entered. Please register promptly to ensure maximum participation for all.

REMINDERS:

The school has and enforces a **NO HAT – NO PLAY** sun protection policy.

Please return any St Martin's athletics tops, netball dresses, cricket shirts etc. as soon as possible. Our teams require these garments for upcoming competitions.

School Sports SA (SAPSASA) Basketball CARNIVAL (Years 5-6)

All interested basketballers are invited to register their interest in forming a competitive School Sports SA Basketball team for a carnival in Term 3.

Being part of this team will require a commitment to lunchtime training sessions. Preference will be given to students in Year 6 and competitive Year 5 students will be considered.

All Basketball registrations are due via the QKR App by Friday, March 15. Without sufficient registered player interest, a team cannot be entered. Please register promptly to ensure maximum participation for all.

School Sports SA (SAPSASA) VOLLEYBALL CARNIVAL (Years 4-6)

All interested volleyballers are invited to register their interest in forming a competitive School Sports SA Volleyball Team for a Carnival in Term 3.

Being part of this team will require a commitment to lunchtime training sessions.

All volleyball registrations are due via the QKR App by Friday, March 15. Without sufficient registered player interest, teams cannot be entered. Please register promptly to ensure maximum participation for all.

MR GEORGE'S RUNNING CLUB

All enthusiastic runners are invited to attend Mr George's Running Club. This term, Running Club will run from 8:00am-8:30am on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Please wear PE uniform. This is a great opportunity to practise running for fun or in preparation for the first Cross Country Carnival held early in Term 2.



JOIN THE FUN! GET INVOLVED NOW

ST MARTIN'S AUSKICK

Starts Wednesday 21st of February

More Info - Joshua.Ladegourdie@sanfl.com

play.afl/auskick

NAB AFL Auskick is FREE with the use of the ORSR Sports Voucher or \$100 without.
1) Enter your 11-digit voucher code (medicare number + child's ref number) in the comment box at the payment screen
2) Select apply and the price of your order will reset to \$0

ST MARTIN'S AUSKICK (Reception – Year 3)

Has started!

The sessions are held on Wednesday afternoons on the school oval.

Questions and information... contact Josh – 0466521042 – Joshua.Ladegourdie@sanfl.com.au

Register via play.afl/auskick

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JUNIOR NETBALL CLINICS (RECEPTION -YEAR 2)



Simply Sports is excited to be returning to St Martin's school in Term 2 to run our **NETstarted Netball** beginner program for Reception to Year 2 students!

These sessions are run by coaches with a strong sports and Physical Education background and offer children of all abilities, an opportunity to experience playing netball

in a safe, challenging and most importantly **FUN** environment.

WHO:

St Martin's students from Reception to Year 2

WHERE:

School courts

WHEN:

Thursdays 3:15pm to 4:15pm

May 9th to June 13th

COST:

\$100 (inc GST) per student for 6 Sessions

Or

FREE IF YOU USE YOUR SPORTS VOUCHER

HOW TO REGISTER

Please visit our school's page on the following website:
<https://simplysports.com.au/schools/greenacres>

Fill in your child's details. You will then be able to make the \$100 payment from the confirmation page.

Please note, if you have not yet used it in 2024, you may use your \$100 SPORTS VOUCHER to pay for this program! ALL primary school aged children in SA are entitled to a sports voucher

If you would like to use your voucher, please go to <https://simplysports.com.au/sports-vouchers/> to fill in your child's details. You'll then receive a code that can be used at checkout to pay \$100 for this program.

ALL participants MUST be REGISTERED before participating.

ALL payments must be made before the second week of the program

SAPSASA / SA School Sport District Teams (Years 3-6)

- To be selected for SAPSASA State Day District Teams, students must be part of the school team that attends qualifying events at the SAPSASA Swimming, Cross Country, and Athletics carnivals or...
- Students must register online with SA School Sport and attend trial dates.
- Successful students will be notified of their selection to a District team following trial sessions.
- Parents are responsible for their child's transport and participation in SAPSASA District Teams and at State SAPSASA Carnivals.

Please note: students at SAPSASA / SA School Sports events compete according to their year of birth not school year level.

SAPSASA DISTRICT SOFTBALL TEAM TRIALS (YEAR 5-6)

There is no cost to trial.

Softball trials commence on Wednesday, February 21.

Trials: Wednesdays February 21, 28, March 6, 13 (and training March 20)

Time: 4pm-5pm

Venue: Walkerville softball club, 35 Church Terrace Walkerville

How to nominate:

- Parents/Caregivers must nominate their child online prior to the first trial
- Students who have not nominated online before the trials will not be eligible to attend trials. This is to ensure supervision ratios are maintained for a safe environment
- If you require support in completing the form please contact Mr Woods. To nominate, please complete the online form which can be accessed below:

Adelaide North East:

<https://forms.office.com/r/vwBwPbchaG>

- Once you have submitted the form you will receive a confirmation email. A copy of the form will also be sent to the school as confirmation that you are nominating your child and will be retained by the school as a record of their involvement as per department records management policy and procedure.



**SCHOOL SPORT SA – STUDENTS WITH DISABILITY
PROGRAM OF EVENTS 2024**

Program of Events for Primary Students (Years 5-6):

- 1. Ten Pin Bowling
- 2. Basketball
- 3. 5-a-side Soccer
- 4. Tennis
- 5. Regional events - (date to be confirmed).

These events are open to primary schools.

Important Information:

- Nominations are due 2 weeks prior to the event date.
- The program of events, along with links to nomination forms, can be found on our website: **School Sport SA Students with Disability Program 2024**

2024 Sports Dates (to date)

Term 1

March 6 (Wednesday) SAPSASA District Swimming Carnival
- Norwood Pool, 12-2:45pm

March 27 (Wednesday) SAPSASA Come and Try Netball
Carnival

April 2 (Tuesday) SACPSASA Swimming Carnival (Section 3)
- SA Aquatic Centre, 10.00am

April 9 (Tuesday) SAPSASA State Day Swimming Carnival –
SA Aquatic Centre, Marion

April 12 (Friday) **St Martin’s Sports Day**

Term 2

All Term **Jump Rope for Heart**

May 16 (Thursday) SAPSASA District Cross Country
Carnival – Park 9, 12-2:45pm

May 20-24 SACPSSA Lacrosse Carnival

July 1-4 SACPSSA Netball Carnival

Term 3

August 6-9 SAPSASA Basketball Carnival – Lightsvue,
8:20am-2:30pm (date TBC)

August 7 (Wednesday) SACPSSA Cross Country
Carnival

August 29 (Thursday) SAPSASA District Athletics
Carnival – Bridgestone Stadium, 8:20am-3:00pm

September 4 (Wednesday) SACPSSA Touch Football
Carnival

September 4 (Wednesday) SAPSASA Come and Try
Carnival – TBC

September 5 (Thursday) SAPSASA Come and Try
Carnival – TBC

September 19-20 SACPSSA Cricket Carnival

Term 4

October 16 (Wednesday) SACPSASA Tennis Carnival

November 4 (Monday) SACPSASA Athletics Carnival
(Section 4)

Week 5 PE Week

Dates to be confirmed...

Crows Cup Knockout Football (usually Term 2)

SAPSASA / SA School Sport Tennis (usually Term 3)

NE Catholic School Basketball Carnival (usually Term 3)